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Attorney Docket: 030633.0010

**Affidavit of John H. D'Antico**

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After being sworn, the Affiant deposed as follows:

My name is John H. D'Antico. I am over eighteen years old, of sound mind, and competent to give this affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts in this affidavit, and they are believed to be true and correct.

I am currently, and was on Friday, January 19, 2001, an associate with Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP, 4801 Plaza on the Lake, Austin, TX 78710. On January 19, 2001, I prepared and signed a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 for the above-captioned patent application and related correspondence (hereinafter, "Patent Application"). I signed the Certificate of Mailing upon information and belief, expecting the Patent Application to be mailed or transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the normal course of business by another no later than the date indicated (January 19, 2001).

**EXHIBIT**

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Further Affiant sayeth not.

John H. D'Antico

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared John H. D'Antico, and known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Affidavit, acknowledged to me that she executed the same in the capacity and for purposes and consideration therein expressed, of her own free act and deed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE on this, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001.

Jerry L. Detkin  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

